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SUBJECT: SYRO-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS

1. I ASKED COS SHIHABI MARCH 23 ABOUT THE TENOR OF THE MEETINGS IN WHICH HE PARTICIPATED WITH THE PLO LEADERSHIP JUST PRIOR TO THE PNC CAIRO CONFERENCE. HE REPLIED THAT ALL TALKS IN WHICH HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED CONCENTRATED ON REVIEWING PAST ERRORS COMMITTED BY THE PALESTINIANS AND DID NOT LAY OUT ANY BLUEPRINT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF SYRO-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS.

2. SHIHABI SAID THAT THE WHOLE NETWORK OF PALESTINIAN TRAINING FACILITIES AND POLITICAL OFFICES IN SYRIA IS BEING REORGANIZED AT SYRIAN DIRECTION. HE NOTED THERE WERE UNTIL RECENTLY NO LESS THAN 85 OFFICES IN DAMASCUS OCCUPIED BY VARIOUS PALESTINIAN FEDAYEEN AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. THESE WILL BE SEVERELY CUT BACK. THE SAME ORDER WILL APPLY TO PALESTINIAN MILITARY
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TRAINING CENTERS IN SYRIA.

3. CONCERNING THE REPORTED PNC DECISION TO CENTRALIZE COMMAND OF ALL PALESTINIAN MILITARY FORCES UNDER ARAFAT, SHIHABI SAID THAT HE HAD NO FIRST HAND INFORMATION SINCE SYRIA'S BEST CONTACTS AMONG THE PNC REPRESENTATIVES HAD NOT YET RETURNED FROM CAIRO MEETINGS

TO DAMASCUS. REFERRING TO TENSIONS BETWEEN ARAFAT AND BUDAYRI,
THEN SAID HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THE REPORTED RESOLUTION REPRESENTED
ANYTHING MORE THAN WISHFUL THINKING ON ARAFAT'S PART.
HE DOUBTED THAT EITHER JORDAN, SYRIA OR EGYPT WOULD BE
PREPARED TO RELINQUISH THE CONTROLS THEY EXERT OVER PLA
UNITS WITHIN THEIR BORDERS.
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